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The New Florence saloon keeper has quit business.

Guy Burkhart, of this city, will spend the winter in Hannibal.

Stephens female Baptist college at Columbia has been freed from debt.

J. D. Orser, city attorney of Mexico, is making Democratic speeches in St. Louis this week.

Mr. H. F. Fields, of Mexico, and Miss Virgie Adkins, of Benton City, were married last week.

Luke M. Emmerson, of Bowling Green, a life long Republican, announces his intention to vote for Bryan.

A saloon at Kirksville closed recently on account of poor patronage. People are quitting their guzzling.

E. S. Arnett and N. R. Ridgway, northwest of Mexico, will leave in a short time for Washington State to reside.

Wm. Pitts is nursing some very sore toes on his right foot. He had his foot in the way of a bowling alley ball and it fell upon it.

W. W. Botts, of Vandalia, one of Audrain's ablest and most conscientious young lawyers, is making speeches for Democracy in Montgomery county.

Assessor Taylor Berry has gone out to his farm, near Youngs Creek, for a month's absence. He is pulling thru with the work of his office at a rapid rate.

E. H. Hamilton, near Benton City, who lost his house by fire last week, is already preparing to rebuild. He had but \$700 insurance. His loss was \$1,500 or \$1,600.

Walter Burch, of this county, attending the law department of the University at Columbia, made a rousing Democratic speech at the rally at Martinsburg last Tuesday week.

Mrs. Ruth Haynes is suing her husband, B. R. Haynes, for divorce. Case will come up at the January term of Circuit Court. The charge against the husband is non-support.

G. B. Null, of this city, was thrown from his vehicle one day last week by a runaway horse and sustained a broken bone in one of his legs and was otherwise considerably bruised.

"Bud" Fox was tried in Justice Cluster's court here last week on the charge of wife abandonment. He was fined \$100 with a 60 days' jail sentence. The case will go to the Circuit Court.

The proposed St. Louis & Eldon railroad, to be built thru Mexico, is again agitating a few anxious minds in this county. Guess we'll all like to see the road come, "the quicker the better."

The Pennsylvania railroad company will establish a pension fund for its employees. The rule goes into effect January 1st and between 12,000 and 15,000 workmen will be the beneficiaries.

J. G. Lakenan and J. A. Glandon, of this city, are two directors in the proposed Eldon & St. Louis railroad. These gentlemen think the road will be built and that construction will begin next spring.

John S. Lippincott, late of Ladonia, this county, but who two years since moved to Washington State, is coming back to Audrain to live. He will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Frank, of Mexico.

Farber has a debating society. D. H. Athey is president, F. E. Osterhout, vice-president, Miss Fannie Cluster, secretary; Miss Bertha Buckingham, treasurer; Mrs. F. E. Osterhout, curator; George Pearce, sergeant-at-arms. It is a good move. There ought to be such an organization in every school district in the county.

Big Eagle.

Centralia, Mo., Oct. 25.—Jacob Everman yesterday killed an eagle on his farm, five miles north of this city. It measured seven feet from tip to tip, and was in the act of carrying off a large turkey when killed.

Doctor McNutt Dead.

Bowling Green, Mo., Oct. 26.—Doctor James McNutt died here last night, aged 71 years. He was well known in this and also in Saline and Boone counties. The body was taken to Columbia for burial.

Got Married.

Miss Hattie Miller, of this city, fled away to St. Louis one day last week "to do some shopping," and became the wife of Dr. J. Smith, of Hoyalton, Ill. The wedding was a surprise to the young lady's friends in Mexico. Dr. Smith is a prosperous dentist in the Illinois town. Miss Miller is an excellent young lady, the daughter of the late Isaac Miller, of near Rowena, this county.

More Prosperity.

Here is a late special from Wilkesbarre, Pa.:

A miner's wife shot and killed herself at Lee, near here, last night, because she was too much care for her husband, John J. Jones.

She was ill and needed medicine and rest, but with her husband out of work the luxuries could not be obtained. After several days of struggling to make both ends meet she committed suicide.

Aguinaldo a High Mason.

Denison, Tex., Oct. 26.—J. L. Britton, Company C, thirty-first United States Infantry, who has just returned from the Philippines says:

"Aguinaldo is a thirty-second degree Mason. He speaks Chinese like a Boxer, talks Tagal like a native, is fluent in Spanish, English, and is smarter than anyone Uncle Sam has yet sent to catch him."

He thinks it will take an army of 150,000 to subjugate and hold the Philippines.

Killed by the Cars.

A one-footed man on crutches, a stranger, was noticed going about the streets of Mexico last Wednesday and next day his dead body was found at the side of the railroad track near the C. & A. pump house, just east of town. It is thought he was drinking and sat down on the track and fell asleep. The coroner's jury found that he was struck by a C. & A. passenger train, but that the railroad was not responsible for the accident. He was about 23 years old and weighed about 165 pounds. The remains were interred in the potter's field.

In a New Role.

According to the St. Louis Republic Mrs. Clarence Monroe Atkinson, who resides in St. Louis, has applied for a warrant charging her husband with wife abandonment. The warrant was not issued on account of the husband not being a resident of the State. She fears the husband may apply for and secure a divorce from her unawares. Mrs. Atkinson had a trial in the Audrain Circuit Court recently charging her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Atkinson, residing near Worcester, this county, with alienating her husband's affections, securing a verdict for \$200, but the case has been appealed.

The Standard Oil Company recently attempted to carry things with as high a hand in Russia as it is doing here. The czar did not do a thing to the oil trust except to appoint an auditor of its accounts with instructions to allow the trust a fair profit on its products and turn the balance into the public treasury. But we are so brilliant in America that we have just contributed \$23,000,000 as a quarterly dividend.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

MARK TWAIN,

FIRST MISSOURIAN.

Mark Twain landed at New York last week after several years' sojourn in Europe, and announces that he will vote for Bryan.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch poet welcomes him back to his native land in the following gushing vein: Then first Missourian, free-and-easy Mark, back from thy lingering European lark, we hail thee home—our loud hosannas hark!

To native shores we bid thee welcome back, new laughs to generate, new jokes to crack, and cast thy vote for Bryan 'stead of Mack.

Thou long a Yankee of Connecticut, we know that from thy heart thou hast not shut Missouri, of thy later jokes the butt.

We know that Time's relentless tooth hath gnawed thy youth away, O Innocent Abroad! whilst thou with kings and queens hast joked and jawed.

But still to us who hold thee as our own, thou art the self-same Samuel we have known these sixty years thy jovial eyes have shewn.

And still we love thee for that thou hast told, that mid the dross of life there still is gold, and whilst we gather it we grow not old.

For with Tom Sawyer still we all are boys, high jinks contriving, adolescent joys inventing, filling earth and sky with noise.

And still some of us have the hapless luck to wear old duds and bum our bed and chuck, like that immortal waif, thy care-free Huck.

Thou some mayhap have made a lucky hit, and high in commerce or in council sit, the push, with thee, is mainly roughing it.

With prince and pauper thou hast wept and laughed, beer of Bohemia, wine of luxury quaffed, prince of good fellows, king of writing craft.

So here's to thee, tramp, printer, pilot, wit, and may thy days be long, thy nights be lit with mirth, till thou among the immortals sit! Age cannot wither thee nor custom stale the freshness of thy merry quip and tale; wherefore, old boy, immortal infant, hail!

Our Baptist Citizenship.

The following is quoted from the Columbia Missouri Herald:

The statement will not be contradicted that the Baptists are fairly representative of the best citizenship of Missouri. In all departments, political, social, educational and commercial they may be found bearing their share of public and private burdens and discharging their duties equally with others in the places of trust and usefulness. They are confined neither to the city nor country. They are not duds. Neither are they illiterates. They are typical Missourians. Of their history they have no reason to be ashamed. They have been here since Daniel Boone crossed the Mississippi, and were among those who blazed the pathway of progress and have marched with it. In numbers they are exceeded by one Protestant denomination. In church houses and in education they have as much if not more than two millions of dollars invested, and in the various departments of mission work they expend about forty thousand dollars annually. The contributions to all purposes are about one half million dollars annually. They have over 1,100 Sunday schools, with a total attendance of 70,000, of whom nearly one-tenth are teachers.

John Greenberry, of near Ladonia, lost his silver watch in one of the stores at Wellsview recently. He put his vest down to try on a suit of clothes and afterwards the watch was missed and it is still missed.

Gen. Cronje's Ancestry.

Piet Cronje, the famous Boer general, is of French extraction. His ancestor, Pierre Croquet or Crozier, was a French refugee, who left France owing to the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. This Pierre Croquet arrived in Africa in 1698, and settled in Drakenstein, where he married Susanna Taillifer, widow of Jean Garde, also a French refugee. He left six children. Cronje is a Dutch phonetic spelling of the French name Croquet or Crozier.

SHORTHORN CATTE AT AUCTION!



Thursday, Nov. 15, 1900, S. P. Emmons and other breeders of Northeast Missouri will sell Ninety (90) head of Pure-bred young cows, bulls and calves, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. An all-day sale of good ones. Send for catalogue to S. P. Emmons, Mexico, Mo. (Sale under tent.)

Direct Taxation.

An Audrain man is interested in this work. Read the following dispatch:

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 25.—An active movement has begun here for the introduction into the Forty-first General Assembly of a joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the people of Missouri a constitutional amendment embodying the principles of direct taxation, otherwise known as the initiative and referendum.

A number of prominent citizens from different parts of the State met in St. Louis a few weeks ago, and organized a Committee on Direct Legislation, with headquarters in this city. Charles Opel, president of the State Single Tax League, is chairman of the committee. H. F. Sarman of this city is secretary.

The other members of the committee are: L. P. Custer, St. Louis; William H. Priesmeyer, St. Louis; William B. White, Hannibal; F. S. Briggs, Neosho; John J. Daily, Rolla; J. C. Fuller, Kansas City; H. S. Huggett, Fulton; and Henry Kochs, of Ladonia, Mo.

The committee has already begun an active campaign with the prospective members of the next State Legislature, and by the time that body convenes here each member will have received a copy of the proposed resolution, with arguments in support thereof, and a good quantity of direct legislation literature. A measure of this kind was introduced into the last legislature, but failed to pass. The declaration of the National Democratic platform on the subject, however, has given the friends of this principle new hope, and they expect to encounter little or no opposition among the Democrats of the next Assembly.

James Jackson, one of our most prosperous farmers, is ahead of his neighbors in erecting a signboard at his gate on the road, says the Linn County News. On this board is painted his name, the name of his farm, "Jackson Farm," direction and distance to his post-office. Below this he has a blackboard on which he may write what he has for sale. Mr. Jackson informed us that he has sold one horse and two cows and calves since the erection of his signboard, and he thinks the quick sales were the results of this advertising. We hope to see more farmers erect signboards. We all know the value of them in towns and it seems to us they are of equal value to the farmers.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Eat These Thoughts.

Maybe you'll live longer and surely you'll enjoy life better. They are from "Physical Culture."

It is well known to the few medical men that many cases of insanity are directly due to overeating and the consequent absorption into the circulation of toxic matters from the intestinal tract; and melancholia, whether in mild or severe form, is generally due to this cause. Violent paroxysms of temper, whether in children or adults, are often properly referable to a bad state of the blood from this auto-toxemia, as is indeed the exceedingly exuberant spirits of old or young, at times; just as we observe in alcoholic poisoning, some individuals are made temporarily jolly and good natured; others are made ugly and unreasonable.

In view of this condition of affairs isn't it rather a wise plan for us all to consider rather the needs of the organism for food than the mere question of palate-tickling; to aim to eat good instead of bad food and enough of it—that is, not too much; to have the conditions about right when we eat our meals; in brief, to try and treat our bodies decently, even though we act from a purely sensual point of view? In no other way can we secure the highest possible degree of pleasure on the average, while by acting thus sensibly we may enjoy the practical immunity from disease.

The more exercise we take under proper conditions the more we are exposed to the cold and the clearer we keep from excess in clothing the more we may eat, hence, in order to enjoy the fullest measure of table pleasures, we must live actively, wear as little clothing as is consistent with comfort and do considerable "roughing"—sometimes called hardening. With all this we should take our meals at times when the body or brain is not over-tired and when we have "leisure to digest." And, of all things, we should never eat unless hungry; to eat without an appetite is self-abuse of the most stupid sort, since it affords no pleasure and is productive of disease.

Shot Big Eagle.

Edward Hall, while shooting over his father's timber lands in the Alleghenies, near Red Oak Knob, Va., shot a large bald eagle. The bird measured seven feet two inches across the wings. When Hall went to examine his prize he was astonished to find one of the eagle's claws held firmly in a powerful steel trap, to which was attached a steel chain five feet long. The trap and chain have marks of vicious blows from the eagle's bill, showing how he vainly endeavored to free himself from there. They had not seemed to interfere with his flight, however. Trap and chain were new.

\$7,000 For Gold Brick.

Ottumwa, Ia., Oct. 24.—Thomas Dougherty, a wealthy farmer, residing near Albion, Monroe county, was recently swindled out of \$7,000 cash by the old familiar gold-brick scheme with slight variations.

A stranger who gave the name of Charles L. Moore, called on Mr. Dougherty a few days ago. He told the old man that he resided in Arizona, and that he was a nephew. He said that he had, by advertising and after a long search, finally located him, representing that the search was being made in order that the old man might come into possession of a \$20,000 legacy and much valuable mining property in the west.

Moore told the old man that it would be necessary for him to have \$7,000 with which to close up the business of making the transfer, &c. They came to Ottumwa and the amount was paid over, Mr. Dougherty taking as security two bars of metal, which the alleged assayer pronounced gold. A few days later Mr. Dougherty received a letter explaining the trick to him.

Died of Hydrophobia.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 26.—Gertrude Waters, aged 10 years, died here today in great agony of hydrophobia. Six weeks ago she was severely bitten by a pet cat, which at the same time bit a younger sister. The same cat bit Ben Donkum, a special officer, in the Capitol grounds. The animal was finally killed by him. A week ago the Waters child began feeling badly, and yesterday hydrophobia in a violent form developed. After hours of terrible suffering and convulsions, the child died. Neither of the others bitten has shown any sign of rabies.

Care of Jewelry.

Jewelry hardly comes in as bric-a-brac, but it often is injured by carelessness in handling and cleaning. Washing and brushing with jewelers' soap and water is, as a rule, enough, and may be done where stones are clear set. When they are backed with foil, water must not be used or the foil, after having been wet once, will be clouded over and cease to be of any use. Occasionally gold and silver articles become much tarnished from contact with varnished rubber, which contains a large proportion of sulphur. Precipitated chalk, carefully sifted through two thicknesses of muslin and mixed with spirit and water, makes an excellent paste in such cases.

City Operates Nursery.

The little city of Orea, in Sweden, owns and operates a nursery that brings it an annual income of \$150,000, a sum that pays all the expenses of the municipality, including free schools for the children and a free telephone system for the people.

Pleases the Farmers.

The Kansas City Star thus comments on one of the proposed constitutional amendments:

The amendment which proposes the greatest change in the State's method of doing things and has the greatest possibilities for good or harm is the one affecting the revenue. In brief, it proposes to make people pay taxes according to their interest in property. A man who owns a building worth \$10,000, mortgaged for \$5,000, must pay half of the taxes, and the holder of the mortgage, the other half. The section to be voted on says that a mortgage, deed of trust, contract or other obligation by which a debt is secured, shall, for the purpose of assessment and taxation, be deemed and treated as an interest in the property. In other words, for the purpose of taxation, the mortgagee and mortgagor are treated as if they were partners and joint owners of the property. Each must pay taxes according to his interest. If either neglects to pay his share the other may pay all and thereby acquire additional interest in the property. To prevent connivance that would destroy the effect of the amendment, it is specially provided that contracts by which the debtor is to pay all the taxes shall be null and void. Lenders of money say if the amendment shall carry they will increase the rate of interest to make up for the additional cost to themselves. It was intended that the holders of notes should pay the taxes on them, but they generally escape it and the legislatures of nearly all the States have, in recent years, been studying how to smoke out the holders of these notes and make them bear their share of the public expense. Kansas has severe penalties, provided by statute, for the holder of a note not reported to the assessor to be taxed. Missouri is going at it in a way that met with much favor among the farmers.

Trials of Paris.

Nobody who may be thinking of stopping in peace at the Grand Hotel, in Paris, should ask the maitre d'hotel about the American woman who spoke French with the aid of a dictionary, says the Chicago News. Although there was no need of it, as they all spoke English, she persisted in firing off Orlendorian French at the waiters every moment. One sad-eyed knight of the apron came down one morning and asked for leave of absence, and the maitre d'hotel himself went up to solve the mystery. After a violent tirade against the ineptitude of the garcon she declared that his French was so frayed out at the edges that he did not understand what "a bottle of ambrosia" was. And it took the manager 20 minutes to discover that she had intended to ask for stout.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Syrupen Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Ask Sterling Kennedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.